STATEMENT

I, ROBERT E. SOIF, 1/Lt. US F, on the sorning of 25 Nov 55 flew the daily weather reacy of the Hellis AFB gumnery ranges and adjacent areas. Takeoff was at approximately 0600 hours departing Wellis APB on a direct course to Indian Strings AFR to note existing weather in that area. In flying this course and returning to Hellis AFB we were forced to remain below an overcast whose bettom was at 7,000 feet MSL. After returning to Hellic we were able to climb to 20,000 feet WSL over Mellie through an extensive break in the overcast. From this position it was noted that the overcast was solid to the west as far as the Sierra Nevada range. The top of this overcast is estimated at 10,000 feet list, In observing the Nt. Charleston area it was noted that the peak of the mountain was above the general oversast, however, only a small portion of the peak was visible due to the presence of clouds mestled very close to the nountain itself. The clouds were of the same type as the overeast and were above the 10,000 foot MSL only in the close vicinity of the peak itself. The time of this observation is estimated to be 0645.

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